

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

**REFERENCE TO COUNCIL – 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

**FROM THE AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE –  
16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

### **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2022/23 - AMENDED**

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee considered a report of the Borough Solicitor recommending an increase of 1.75% in Members' Allowances for 2022/23 in keeping with the officer pay award.

A Member expressed the view that the allowances payable to Members should realistically reflect the costs of being a councillor in order not to deter people from standing for election, and he felt that this was not currently the case. Another Member highlighted that the dependant carers allowance did not reflect the actual costs of childcare. Following discussion, Members requested a further report to the Committee on the scheme once the final report of the Independent Review Panel had been published, which should set out options for increasing allowances and the associated costings. It was then

### **RESOLVED -**

THAT Council be recommended to

- i) Agree the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix A, with the payment to be backdated to the beginning of the financial year.
- ii) Authorise the Borough Solicitor to take all necessary steps in relation thereto including amendments to the Constitution, and publication and operation of the Scheme.

Councillor Sagal Abdi-Wali  
Chair, Audit and Corporate Governance Committee